

BOXERS READY FOR BIG SHOW

Snappy Little Men Who Will Compete in "Y" Boxing in Good Shape.

With the square circle in tip-top shape, the "Y" gym filled with comfortable chairs, boxes in prime condition and a heavy advance sale of tickets the boxing card at the T. M. C. A. tonight has all the earmarks of a successful athletic show.

Soldier Pete McNulty and Red Hogan, who are to swap wallop in the main even of the evening's entertainment, each finished training Friday with stiff workouts. Both will rest Saturday with light exercise only to keep limbered up.

Trained Faithfully.
Phil Cordova and sailor Johnnie Finnegan, after two weeks consistent training, are both ready and fit for the going. Neither Nate Cordova nor Young Jody have lost a day's training since the two were signed. In fact each realizes that he has a lively time ahead Saturday night.

Chicken" O'Brien, the hard-hitting, stomachy has been ready for battle for a week and winning each day that the time had arrived to enter the ring. O'Brien, who will try to weather the "Chicken" wallows for three rounds will be ready when Saturday night's show opens.

The two little fellows in ring togs will present a unique bout, being the smallest ever matched for regular bouts, according to local ring authorities. Each weighs about 80 pounds, probably a little less after training, although neither made any attempt to make weight.

Other Snappy Men.
Centre Randoval, Hilbert Anderson, Charlie McKemy, sailor Phil Coyne, left, sailor Butting Brown, are all ready to go. Harry Penderford, Albert Sigal, Harry Blumenthal, Harvey Legard, Nate Cordova and Young Jody have finished an extra course of training in anticipation of meeting the boxing instructor, Ray Smith. Nate Cordova is authority for the statement that the "Black Mask" is in excellent condition and will be right there when Smith appears to be studied and ready to finish.

"I only hope the man who has been chosen to fill the place is one of the big fellows Nate Cordova talks about. I would rather meet a 225 pounder who has an older man than some of the young hunkies about the 'Y'." Such a man would be easier to grade for a round than some of the under and younger boxers at the 'Y'. I think the talk about the "Black Mask" being a 200 pounder is a story put out by the boxers of the 'Y' class in hopes of causing me to lose sleep. All the big men at the 'Y' who know the boxing game deny that there is a chance for anyone to win Saturday night will tell. I don't think the boxer will have the mask on when the round is over unless he can avoid clinch with Herman Andreas, Walter Howe, Tommy Bourland and Osman Caples declare they are ready for any contest. Howe and Andreas are the best of friends but Howe states that it is unsafe to shake hands with Andreas in a boxing ring. Andreas and Herman shake with his right hand and at the same time lands a vicious blow with his left. The good even clinch to shake hands with each a boxer," states Howe.

NEWS REVERSES UMP'S DECISION

Verdict of Experts Says That Woollen Was Not For Leaving Box.

Clyde Woollen, catching for the Zone Supply team and whose eccentric play on May 4 has caused more discussion than any single feat enacted at Rio Grande park this season, was not out on that occasion as ruled by the umpire. Decision affecting the play was received in the city Friday afternoon in the shape of the "Questions and answers" column of the Sporting News, which has undoubtedly settled more baseball riddles than any expert or publication in the country. A previous decision was received by A. J. Perry from secretary Foster, of the Sporting Guide, several days ago and was similar in composition.

Particular Play Local.
While the play is local, it is said that it has been barred by a number of leagues because of the extremely unique manner in which it is done, and umpire Harry Kane, in rendering his decision, at the time undoubtedly had this in mind. Harry is a veteran baseball player, who has seen service in the major leagues and knows the game from A to Z. However, inasmuch as the Army and City baseball league is playing under the national baseball commission rules, it will be necessary for the protest board of the circuit to base upon it, inasmuch as May 2, H. Conlin, of same team, protested the contest as a result of the decision.

Fighting Spirit.
Fans are agreed that there is nothing that contributes to the popularity of baseball so much as excitement, and it is in plays of this kind that keep the game full of pep and ginger and result in bringing the fans out. This decision, verbatim, is as follows:
"El Paso, Tex.—First batter up in inning has three balls on him; he rushes out of box on next pitch 25 feet toward plate, but does not attempt to strike at ball; umpire called batter out; was ruling correct.—H. K. Ruling was wrong; batter did not hit the ball illegally if he did not hit it. Call it a ball or strike according to whether pitch was over plate."

COACH ATHLETES SELECTED.
Los Angeles, Calif., May 17.—Lieut. Charles Padlock and first class electrician's mate Clyde Swenson were selected today by officials of the A. A. U. in southern California to represent this district in the intercollegiate athletic meeting to be held July 22 to July 26. Padlock is a sprinter and Swenson a high diver. Padlock has run the 100 yards in 14.5 seconds and the 200 yards in 30.5 seconds. Swenson holds the national championship for the high dive.

MCREDIE UNPOPULAR.
Walter McCreddie has made himself unpopular in Salt Lake and Sacramento. He is quoted in an interview as saying that next year the Coast League will be a major circuit with Tacoma and Vancouver succeeding Salt Lake and Sacramento, which are not of "major" class.

PLAYER IS INJURED.
Center Fielder Frank Walker of Portland has injured the tip of his left toe trying to sub a home drive and was just his luck to bump into a spot where some small boy had pushed a pole. The pole was the apex of the metal gate Walker a badly cut hand.

When A Feller Needs A Friend - By Briggs



AND ONE CENT FOR TAX YOUNG MAN -

Some Startling Plays Made In First Baseball Month
Fred Williams, of Philadelphia Quakers, Slams Out a Record Number of Bings, While the Phillies and Dodgers Clash in Long Tie Game of the Month; Rain Prevented Many Scheduled Games.

By E. J. LAMIGAN.
APRIL, short baseball month though it was, produced a goodly number of startling happenings. Fred Williams of the Phils, not considered a remarkably proficient performer with the willow, tore off 14 blows in 24 trips to the plate for an average of .58, being used exclusively against right handers. The Notre Dame graduate (he was a great sprinter and hurler at the Holy Cross of the West) and former Cub never was able to maulcast left handers and is doubtful if Jack Coombs will allow him to bat at all against members of the southpaw brigade this season.

Rain Was Bad.
Jupiter Florio's average was some 200 points under Williams, but nevertheless the Storm King showed his old time ability to deal telling blows on the pocket books of the hopeful investors. Out of 32 games that were scheduled 13 were postponed, the National opening in Chicago and the American opening in Detroit having to go over.

J. P. prevented four Saturday games and one Sunday combat. The magnitude he hit best against being J. Christopher Dunn of Cleveland. The Indians couldn't get into action on opening day in Detroit and were idle on their first Sabbath date in St. Louis. This was Jupiter Florio's April record:

Postponements in American.
At Detroit, three, including opening day.
At New York, three, including Saturday.
At Washington, two, including Saturday.
At St. Louis, two, including Sunday.

Postponements in National.
At Boston, four, including Saturday.
At Chicago, two, including opening day.
At Cincinnati, two.
At Philadelphia, one, Saturday.

A 25 inning game, such as the Phils and the Brooklyn played on April 26, was a novelty for the pay off month of the season, made possible by the daylight saving law. Previously no 25 round contest in the majors had been played prior to June 29, Chicago and Cincinnati engaging in a scrap of this kind in 1912 and neither winning nor losing it. The score was 1 to 7, in Philadelphia the tally was 3 to 3.

West Coast Route.
Burleigh Grimes and Joe Oeschger, by going the route, entered the extremely small and select circle of big leaguers who have picked 25 or more consecutive innings after having been their bosses' platoon boys. Jack Coombs and Joe Harris went 24 sessions; Rube Marquard, Babe Adams, George Tyler and Mule Watson, 21, and Rube Waddell, Cy Young, Edgy Mallory, Ad Gumpert, Ed Reulbach and Frank Spurne, 20, previously.

Mr. Grimes, one of the two pitching heroes of Wednesday, April 20, was a battling hero on Wednesday, April 23, for them, in the ninth, with the bases packed the big loser of 1917 and the large winner of 1918 snote a triple off Pat Ragan of the Braves that emptied them.

Grimes' noble wallop was not the only cleanup drive of the month, for in the American, on April 24, Chief Gaudin, of the Western Sox scored three men with a double cleaned off Dave Davidson of the Bryans and on April 25 Oscar Vitt of the Eastern Sox tallied three players with a triple procured off Walter Johnson of the Nationals.

Some Other Hitters.
Scott Perry of the A's when he was batting, didn't do anything like Messrs. Grimes, Gaudin and Vitt. He made 10 appearances at the plate during the month and landed eight threes—striking out on three occasions in a 12 inning game with Washington. Johnson pitching, and

on five occasions in a 12 inning fracas with New York, Quinn and Shawkey pitching.
National leaguers who jammed three strikeouts into one game in April were Lewis Malone of the Superbas, against Reds and Philadelphia of the Braves, on Patriots' day; Dana Phillips of the Braves, against Grimes of the Superbas, on the 23d, and Casey Stengel of the Pirates, against Hesthote of the Reds, on the 27th.

Is a Southpaw.
Stengel is a left handed hitter and Hesthote is a left handed pitcher and here the dope that southpaw slugging ran true to form.
When it didn't run true to form was in the fourth inning at St. Louis, on April 22. There manager Jimmy Burke of the Browns switched from a right hander to a left hander with Eddie Collins coming up and Eddie promptly hit for the circuit against said newcomer, who was Lefty Leifield.

The theory that the farm is a good place to train got an awful jolt from the showing made by Eddie South of the Reds, who would have had Zach Wheat in batting last year if a couple of games had not been played over. Eddie got just one base knock in 21 times at bat, but nevertheless, and notwithstanding the fact that he was called the Fat More—runs, kicked in with six straight wins.

Larry Kopf and Morris Ruth of the Reds made Clifton Earl Hesthote of the Cards pay a heavy price on April 24, in the third inning, by foxing him into the belief that a savage eliot from Hesthote's bat was going to be taken in by Rousey. The youngster from Penn state dashed madly, as Charles Lincoln Herzog would say, back over the southpaw route, passed Rogers of Kunshe county, Texas, between second and first.

George Burns of the Giants, in the opening game in Philadelphia, jogged down to third only to find Jess Barnes there, as Hesthote's blunder was not the only error of the year.

Just as surprising a welcome as Eddie Collins gave Lefty Leifield, was the relief given Rogers in the fourth inning on April 22, awaited Urban Faler when he took Frank Shellenbach's place in the rubber in the third three days later. The Browns, with Stelzer, Williams and Demasie, immediately pulled a triple steal on the newcomer.

In the National league the first clean steal of the year was perpetrated by Fred McWhis of the Pirates in the third inning on April 24 on Donacas and Killefer of the Cubs. Mule Shuffling Phil held the ball.

There were lots of odd incidents in the first month of major league baseball, which has come back strongly.

Incidentally the man who planned the issue of Shuffling Phil on Donacas has come back to the penning. He is Harold Johnson, a Chicago writer. Johnson took the place of Bill Veech when Bill became vice president of the Cubs.

BERNHARD ON JOB.
President Martin's Southern league umpire staff as made up to start the season included Bill Bernhardt and Orth Collins, and a tryout named Shibley, hailing from Cleveland and recommended by Billy Evans. Bernhardt, however, is only substituting until Bill Brennan reports.

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Eighth Engineers to Meet Old Rivals in the Seventh Cavalry.

Fans are expecting two fast and snappy games Sunday afternoon at Rio Grande park, when the Eighth engineers and the Seventh Cavalry Templins Terriers, veterans of many hard fought games this season, clash in the first game of the netlines program, and the Zone and Feldman teams in the second battle. And judging by the number in which Lieut. "Ted" Rothermund, of the Terriers, is preparing for the game, he is confident of victory, as the cavalrymen have been out every afternoon of the week practicing, particular attention being paid to the bat and infield work.

Have Good Twirlers.
It is not known as yet whether Maj. H. Neyland will be in the box or out for the engineers. This team is particularly well provided with twirlers, having Rees and Neyland both in excellent condition and ready to go on the mound in a moment's notice. The engineers are also improving in hitting, having tried out their bats at Rio Grande park several times last week, and show that they are rapidly rounding into mid season form.

Zone and Feldman.
A considerably strengthened lineup is expected to be placed in the field by both the Zone Supply and Feldman teams. Clifford Perkins, manager of the Feldman team, declared last week that he was going out after some strong players, and the fans need not be surprised if an entirely new team trots out on the field for the second game. Maj. J. H. Conlin is not a bit less optimistic than Perkins and promises that the Zone team will also be in the game from the first inning and will bring something that has not been seen in a long time in these parts.

Perkins. It is said, has signed Johnny Mulcahy, the high school star. If this is straight goods and the tall southpaw walks out on the mound Sunday afternoon, the Zone team is in for a hard game. It is probable that Howard will represent the Zone, however, and it ought to be a pretty pitchers' battle between the left-handers.

RELEASES PLAYERS.
Salt Lake has released pitcher Allen Cunkwright to Jimmy Hamilton's Pacific team. It is stated he grows our best option and will be recalled in the fall. But suppose some major league club should offer him a contract before that?

O'DOOL ON OUTFIELDER.
Lefty Frank O'Doul, pitcher, is being made into an outfielder by Manager Miller Huggins of the Yankees. Huggins says he is a natural batsman and too valuable as such to waste his time with indifferent pitching.

LEONARD TO COME BACK.
They all come trooping in sooner or later. Now it's Hub Leonard, who has concluded that after all there may be more fun in pitching for the New York Yankees than in raising rackets in California.

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